

loans sanctioned but denied disbursement have been reported to them.

[Translation]

New Pension Scheme to Widows of Allahabad Bank

165. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad Bank has implemented the new pension scheme and started paying pension to widows of its employees;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing pension to the dependent widows of the employees of the bank who retired from the year 1989 to 1990 under the new pension scheme;

(c) the branch-wise number of applications received by the authorities particularly of Faizabad, Sultanpur and Kanpur branches of Allahabad Bank from the dependents of the retired employees in this regard during the last six months; and

(d) the reasons for not clearing these applications so far ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Free Licence Policy

166. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed a new free licensing regime for the sugar industry;

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by the Government ;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith criteria worked out for giving approval to new sugar project;

(d) whether his Ministry has also felt that the current level of 1700 TCD is uneconomical and inflates costs;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Indian Sugar Mills Association has expressed its view against the policy; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (g) At present there are 14 industries under compulsory licensing. The Government has taken up review of licensing of industries under compulsory licensing. The sugar industry is one of these industries. The Government has not yet taken any decision in this regard. However, the Government has recently issued guidelines for considering

applications for industrial licences for sugar factories, the details are enclosed as Statement. A representation from the Indian Sugar Mills Association has been received against the new guidelines issued by the Government. They have raised objections regarding the distance between a new sugar unit and an existing sugar unit which has been reduced from 25 kms to 15 kms.

Statement

Government of India

Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion

PRESS NOTE NO 1
(1997 SERIES)

Subject : *Guidelines for considering applications for industrial licences for sugar factories*

The Government of India have reviewed the guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories issued vide this Ministry's Press Note No. 16 (1991) dated 8.11.91. The existing guidelines need revision in order to take into account the changes in the business scenario following economic liberalisation, the need for introducing simplified and transparent procedures and the technological changes that have taken place in the sugar industry over the years. In supersession of the aforesaid Press Note, Government have now formulated the following revised guidelines :

- (i) New Sugar factories will continue to be licensed for a minimum economic capacity of 2500 tonnes cane crushed per day (TCD). There will not be any maximum limit on such capacity.
- (ii) Preference in licensing would be given to the proposals involving larger capacity, modern technology and development of integrated complexes producing value added products and co-generation of power.
- (iii) For the consideration of application, a revenue district will be taken as the unit. In case more than one application is received for any unit of operation, other things being equal, priority will be given to the application received earlier.
- (iv) Licences for new sugar factories will be issued subject to the condition that the distance between the proposed new sugar factory and an existing/ already licensed sugar factory should be not less than 15 kilometres.
- (v) The basic criterion for grant of licences for new sugar units would be cane availability or the potential for the development of sugarcane or both.
- (vi) Other things being equal, preference in licensing will be given to the proposals from the Growers' Cooperative Societies. However, industrial licence issued to such a cooperative cannot be transferred to any other entity.

- (vii) All applications for expansion of the existing factories will be cleared automatically
- (viii) Applications for grant of industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories as well as expansion of existing units should be submitted to the Secretariat for Industrial Assistance (SIA) in the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi in Form IL, along with the prescribed fee of Rs. 2500/-. The applications received for grant of licences would be referred by SIA to the Department of Food and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their comments. If no comments are received from either Department of Food or the concerned State Governments/UTs within one month after their comments are asked for, it shall be deemed that they have no comments to offer. The Licensing Committee would thereafter consider the application for industrial licence and make appropriate recommendations.

2. The procedure and guidelines, as given above, are brought to the notice of the entrepreneurs for their information and guidance.

(Ashok Kumar)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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Forwarded to the Press Information Bureau for giving wide publicity to the contents of the above Press Note.

Press Information Officer,
Press Information Bureau,
New Delhi

Disinvestment Commission

167. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Disinvestment Commission has evolved a transparent system or mechanism for disinvestments as contemplated in the current year Budget;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) the extent of disinvestment so far secured ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) The Disinvestment Commission has submitted its Report on 20.2.97.

12.01 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI H.D. DEVE GOWDA) : Sir, with your permission, I would like to introduce to you and through you to this august House my colleagues :

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| Shri Saifuddin Soz | – Minister of Environment and Forests |
| Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar | – Minister of State of the Ministry of Finance |

12.02 hrs.

PAPERS LAID

Review on the working of and Annual Report of the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., New Delhi for the year 1995-96 etc.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :

- (a) (i) Statement regarding Review by the Government of the working of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.
- (ii) Annual Report of the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Audited General thereon.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT 1328/97]

(b) (i) Statement regarding Review by the Government of the working of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur, for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) alongwith reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (b) of item (1) above.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT 1329/97]

(3) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the National Productivity Council, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.

(ii) Statement (Hindi and English versions) regarding Review by the Government of the working of the National Productivity Council, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.